

- Dwellings in the three urban settlements of the Camdeboo Municipality are fairly well serviced. 96.7% of all dwellings either have a flushing toilet inside or outside the dwelling; 98.6% are electrified; 98.2% of all dwellings have piped water, either inside the dwelling or inside the yard; and in the case of 87.2% of all dwellings, refuse bags are removed by the local authority at least once a week.
- Levels of satisfaction with municipal services are remarkably high. Sanitary services (toilet), electricity supply, main water source and refuse collection all attract satisfaction levels above the 79.7% mark.
- The five biggest neighbourhood-based concerns include (a) the quality of roads in the neighbourhood; (b) pavements / sidewalks; (c) the draining of storm water after rainfall events; (d) the quality of police protection; (e) and the safety of persons and their possessions.
- The three services that are generally most important to households are all health related and include (a) accessible primary health care services; (b) an accessible hospital; and (c) ambulance services.

The 2001 Census statistics cannot be included in this report due to the fact that the data reflected in it is not accurate.

2. EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL'S FUNCTIONS PERFORMANCE

There is a Year Planner that is being developed annually for adoption and approval by Council. All the activities/events/functions that are planned for a particular financial year are adhered to although in some instances there were unavoidable deviations. The Mayor/Speaker also calls for Special Council meetings whenever there are matters of urgency that must be discussed and resolved.

During the financial year under review there were 3 Ordinary Council meetings; 13 Portfolio Committees; 20 Special Council meetings and 6 meetings of the other sub-committees of Council.

Generally the attendance in these meetings by both Councillors and Officials was satisfactory.

The relevant officials always implemented the Council decisions timeously.

3. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

Monthly financial reports are submitted to Council for consideration and approval. All matters that cannot be dealt with administratively are referred to Council for proper decisions.

The relevant Portfolio Committee handles all the items that are referred to it and then make recommendations to Council. Strict adherence to the Budget was always monitored and to a certain extent managed by the Committee.

Due to the sufficient financial controls and management, the institution did not experience any cashflow problems during the year under review.

The Administration with the Registration Office (Archives) as its source of information performed according to the set standards during this year. There were no serious incidents that were encountered and this was due to the properly synchronised flow of documents and information.

Furthermore, the Administration department performed well in terms of the compilation of the agendas and minutes, and by also ensuring that the agendas reached both the Councillors and Officials on time; except where problems were experienced regarding transport and the duplicating machine.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

The Year Planner was always used as an administrative tool to ensure that the activities/events and functions of Council took place smoothly.

The review meetings of the Integrated Development Plan took place as scheduled as a result the Plan was adopted and approved by Council before the set deadline date. This was the same situation with the Budget Process.

Forty Seven (47) building plans with a total value of R8 281 667,00 were submitted during the year under review, and were handled within a reasonable space of time by the Technical and Infrastructure Services Department and other departments. The general performance of the whole institution under this aspect was satisfactory.

Umasizakhe was declared as an Act 4 area and was recently upgraded in terms of Act 112 which was the upgrading of Tenure Act, one could convert a 99 year Leasehold to a Freehold. This is not a Town Planning issue, but a legislative issue. Eunice Kekana Village is excluded from Umasizakhe because it was registered in terms of Act 113 of 1991 and enabled the inhabitants of Eunice Kekana Village to register full Freehold title on the property. The Community has requested to be provided with a proper Title Deed and not an enclosed document.

All the encroachments of Umasizakhe have been identified and the Land-Surveyor is currently in the process of trying to get the encroachments re-surveyed. Various meetings were held and the Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs was requested to submit a letter to the Director-General: Land Affairs in order to motivate the change of the legislation that new Title Deeds be issued and that the matter be also taken up with the MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs as well as the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

This is a very long outstanding issue and it comes up in all meetings that Council is having with the community of Umasizakhe. In numerous meetings the people also voiced out that they do not want endorsed Leasehold Titles because according to them, it does not have the same value as the Fullhold Title.

5. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

All matters that are related to this function were handled by the Community, Social Development and Human Resources Committee, with recommendations to Council for consideration.

The Committee dealt with matters from the Protection Services; Community Services as well as from the Administration department.

Generally, the Committee performed its assigned duties well during the year under review.

6. HOUSING FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

A Housing Sector Plan that was endorsed in 2008 by Council, and then submitted to the MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs for approval/ratification.

An amount of R20 483 604,00 million has been allocated to our institution by the Department of Human Settlements (previously known as the Department of Housing, Local Government and Traditional Affairs) for the infrastructural development of 1146 sites.

Furthermore, an amount of R3 million from the Housing Development Fund was utilised in attending to the fallen/dilapidated houses in Umasizakhe and Aberdeen. Approximately 149 houses benefited from the project.

The construction of 242 houses in infill erven commenced in October last year and was supposed to have been completed within four months from the commencement date of the project, but due to some technical and logistical problems the project is still underway.

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

The Community Services department continued to remove refuse from the various areas according to the Work Schedule.

Council is in a process of relocating the present dumping site to a site that is situated approximately eight kilometres out of town, but due to the delays in the finalisation of the Environmental Impact Study; the issuing of a Record of Decision and Licence as well as few objections that have been received, the whole process is taking much longer than it was envisaged initially.

8. WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

The majority for the serviced erven are connected to a Waterborne Sewerage System, except in Nieu-Bethesda where only 26 toilets in Pienaarsig have been connected thus far.

The second phase of connecting 28 toilets will be done during the 2009/10 Financial Year with financial assistance of R2 million from Cacadu District Municipality. The sewerage plant in Nieu-Bethesda must be extended for to accommodate the whole area. A plan has been developed with the assistance of Cacadu District Municipality for this project.

The existing sewerage plants in Aberdeen and Graaff-Reinet will be extended and upgraded during the 2010/2011 Financial Year with the allocation from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant.

9. ROAD MAINTENANCE'S FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

All the roads that fall under the jurisdiction of the Municipality are being attended to by the Engineering and Infrastructure Services Department according to their Work Schedule. In some instances, the roads are resurfaced and cleared after heavy rains and rainstorms.

The Department of Roads and Transport slurry the National and Provincial roads on an annual basis to keep them in a good condition.

Our Protection Services Department also assist by painting/revamping the road markings.

The rural roads are being attended to by the Department of Roads and Transport; for example the link road to Nieu-Bethesda is being tarred and others have been upgraded.

10. WATER DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

Water is being provided to all the service sites, that is, residential and business. The provisioning of water to the entire area is being attended to by both the Technical and Infrastructure Services, and Community Service's departments.

The capacity of all the reservoirs in our area is so far sufficient for to service the entire area. The two main sources are the Nqweba Dam and the boreholes.

11. ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

Electricity distribution is the responsibility of both Eskom and the municipality because the former services some arrears and the latter the other areas.

All the formal houses in our area have access to electricity and this includes the temporal structures that have been created for all the waste reclaimers in Geluksdal. Poor households that qualify for free basic electricity are registered on our system and they collect their 50 kwh tokens from the registered vendors.

The Department of Minerals and Energy have on numerous occasions queried the poor rate of the collection of the tokens. An attempt has been made by the Electrical Services Department to utilize students and Community Development Workers to visit the households of the beneficiaries who are not collecting their tokens on a monthly basis. The situation has thus far significantly improved.

The Electrical Services Department in general, performed their assigned duties according to the required standards during the year under review.

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION'S PERFORMANCE

	CURRENT	30 DAYS	60 DAYS	90 DAYS	120 DAYS +	ATTORNEY	CAPITAL	TOTAL
Assessment Rates	278990	85396	32566	13301	499291	7605044	4272	8518860
Electricity & Water	2197837	513659	400020	302117	4873032	4632	81955	8373252
Housing	113071	89240	21902	11818	20915	5188436	3899	5449282
Miscellaneous Debtors	-119937	29458	39573	63726	65835	671307	1166	751129

		Opening balance	Capital Expenditure	Operating Expenditure	Receipts	Interest	Closing balance
0-430-0200-262	Information Technology	-300,000	289,504				-10,496
0-430-0200-273	Nieu Bethesda Land Survey	-100,000					-100,000
0-430-0200-292	WSBP Implementation	-785,356	691,587				-93,770
0-430-0200-301	Upgrade Main Substation GRT	-	497,254		-4,700,000		-4,202,746
0-430-0800-010	Provision of Illegal	-30,098				-3,748	-33,846
0-430-0800-030	Town Planning Projects	172,128		10,668			182,796
0-430-0800-031	Town Planning Projects	-257,051			-254,850	-33,600	-545,501
0-430-0800-040	Township Registers	-20,639				-2,570	-23,209
0-430-0800-051	Preparation Framework	-79,679				-9,922	-89,601
0-430-0800-060	Prep Zoning Scheme Grt	-3,567				-444	-4,011
0-430-0800-070	0 Ge	-6,612				-823	-7,435
0-430-0800-080	Integrated Development Plan	-73,311		71,710	-57,000	-10,354	-68,954
0-430-0800-090	Integrated Development Plan 2	-228,526				-28,457	-256,983
0-430-0800-100	Graaff-Reinet Zoning Scheme	-250,331		55,800		-24,224	-218,755
0-430-0800-111	Mandela Park Settlement	-199,873				-24,889	-224,761
0-430-0800-120	IDP Nieu Bethesda	-20,471				-2,549	-23,020
0-430-0800-140	Implementation of Free Basic Services	-2,592				-323	-2,915
0-430-0800-150	Spatial Development	333,207					333,207
0-430-0800-151	Spatial Development	-330,209					-330,209
0-430-0800-160	Survey 177 sites Kroonvale Expenditure	-113,361				-14,116	-127,477
0-430-0800-171	Aberdeen Cemetary	-67,747				-8,436	-76,183
0-430-0800-180	Capacity Building	451,621		31,968			483,589
0-430-0800-181	Capacity Building	-483,589					-483,589
0-430-0800-190	National Treasury Financial Management	504,289	718,183	337,070	-1,750,000		-190,459
0-430-0800-191	National Treasury Financial Management	-1,647,505		147,505			-1,500,000
0-430-0800-200	Brick Making LED Project	-9,955				-1,240	-11,195
0-430-0800-210	Drought Relief	-273,261		6,058		-33,273	-300,477
0-430-0800-220	Asses Water Serv Authority	-113,922				-14,186	-128,108
0-430-0800-230	Expenditure LED EU Thina Si Special Funds	1,580		994,424			996,004
0-430-0800-231	LED EU Thina Si Special Funds Receipts	-610,859			-414,442	-38,018	-1,063,319
0-430-0800-241	Valuations	-742,168		994,303	-445,000		-192,865
0-430-0800-251	Vuna Awards	-592,828	119,334	281,517		-108,395	-300,372
0-430-0800-261	Cleanest Town	-69,950		69,143		-1,754	-2,562
0-430-0800-271	Comprehensive Infrastructure	-		32,581	-200,000	-22,337	-189,756

0-430-0800-281	Fixed Assets Register Receipts Special Funds				-200,000		-200,000
0-430-0800-282	Fixed Assets Register Expendi- ture Special Funds	-		45,556			45,556
0-430-0800-291	Ward Participation System Receipts	-			-90,000		-90,000
0-430-0800-292	Ward Participation	-		80,811			80,811
0-703-0801-013	Aids Project 2000 REVENUE LIABILITIES 703	160,681		1,700			162,381
0-703-0801-014	Aids Project 2000	-168,316					-168,316
0-705-0100-019	Mandela Park Electrification	72,288					72,288
0-705-0100-020	Asherville Housing Phase 2	-241,029					-241,029
0-705-0100-021	Geluksdal Housing Phase 2	12,994					12,994
0-706-0100-022	Receipts Farm Klipfontein 8Con	-24,800					-24,800
0-706-0100-024	Receipts Mimosadale Farm	-18,600					-18,600
0-706-0100-025	Mimosadale Farm 4 connec- tions	16,636					16,636
0-706-0100-028	Receipts Abd Themba 145 con	-300,618					-300,618
0-706-0100-029	Abd Themba (145 connections)	241,518					241,518
0-706-0100-030	Receipts Kroonvale Bulk Inf	-533,485					-533,485
0-706-0100-031	Kroonvale Bulk Infr 120 con	413,753					413,753
0-709-0100-024	Upgr Bulk Reticulat Kvale 11kv LOAN SUSPENCE 2007/2008	-219,973		189,112			-30,862
0-709-0100-025	Electricfic 40 infix Aber erve LOAN SUSPENCE 2007/2008	-114,390	51,149	9,037			-54,204
0-709-0100-026	Refurb/Upgr Power Lines Aberd LOAN SUSPENCE 2007/2008	-133,710	52,235	6,055			-75,420
0-719-6007-013	Electrification Mandela Park E	340,604					340,604
0-719-6007-017	Electrification Kendrew (Rec)	-30,000					-30,000
0-719-6007-020	Receipts Neui B Waterborne San	-378,156					-378,156
0-719-6007-021	Expen N Bet Waterborne Sanit	331,716					331,716
0-719-6007-022	Electrification Mandela Park R	-345,987					-345,987
0-730-0072-001	Rehab Highmast Themba Aberdeen	-14,233					-14,233
0-730-6001-001	Geluksdal Receipts	-3,228,367					-3,228,367
0-730-6001-002	Geluksdal Prof Fees	287,864					287,864
0-730-6001-003	Geluksdal Blockmaking	2,472					2,472
0-730-6001-004	Geluksdal Build Material	1,852,695					1,852,695
0-730-6001-005	Geluksdal Tool & Sup Wages	121,397					121,397
0-730-6001-006	Geluksdal Instalation Services	560,047					560,047
0-730-6001-007	Geluksdal Labour Builders	398,493					398,493
0-730-6001-008	Geluksdal Transfer Fees	5,400					5,400
0-730-6002-001	Mandela Park Receipts Loan Suspens 2003/04 730	-5,143,381				-6,161	-5,149,542
0-730-6002-002	Mandela Park Building Blocks	896,882					896,882
0-730-6002-003	Mandela Park Profesional Fees	222,947					222,947
0-730-6002-004	Mandela Park Tool& Plant Hire	31,316					31,316
0-730-6002-005	Mandela Park Supervisor Wages Loan Suspens 2003/04 730	124,790		6,896			131,686